(b) Whenever requests come from Afghan refugees to return to their native land, they are granted exit as per rules.

(c) The Ministry of External Affairs has reported that the issue did not come up for discussion with the Afghan Government during the SAARC summit held recently.

(d) No assistance in the form of shelter and food subsidy was given by this Ministry or by the Ministry of External Affairs.

Rape in hospitals

†4513. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of rape against women in hospitals are coming to notice of Government day by day;

(b) if so, at which places this kind of crimes did take place during last two years; and

(c) whether stern action has been taken against the culprits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) to (c) The National Crime Records Bureau compiles statistics related to total number of cases of rape in the country and in 2004 and 2005, there were 18233 and 18359 such cases reported in the country respectively. However, specific information on cases of rape in hospitals is not maintained centrally. 'Police and Public Order' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India, therefore, the State Governments are primarily responsible for the detection, registration and investigation of crime and prosecution of the offenders.

Infiltration of terrorists and arms by Pakistan

†4514. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan is infiltrating terrorists and arms to India, through Bangladesh border; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to check it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Inputs indicate that Bangladesh territory has been used in some cases for launching operations against India by terrorist groups based in Pakistan/Pakistan Occupied Kashmir;

(b) The Government has taken various steps to control the infiltration of terrorists and arms into the country. These include, strengthening of BSF and equipping them with modern and sophisticated equipment/gadgets; reduction of gaps between border outposts; intensification of patrolling; accelerated programme of construction of border roads and border fencing; provision of surveillance equipment, etc.

Besides, the matter was raised during the last Home Secretary level talks held between India and Bangladesh in Dhaka in August 2006.

Naxalite menace in mineral-rich States

4515. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Naxals' involvement in disrupting various private infrastructure plants in Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that Naxalites have become a biggest challenge for the internal security in mineral-rich States of the country; and

(d) what steps Government have taken/proposed to take to control the Naxalism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Naxalite groups, particularly CPI (Maoist), have occasionally attempted to disrupt private infrastructure plants in Orissa, Bihar, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh. Such attacks are carried out mainly due to non-payment of levy to the outfit. Besides, the